

National Transportation Safety Board

M/V Lady D Capsizing
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National Weather Service Comments to
Safety Board Factual Reports

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From: Beth McNulty [Beth.McNulty@noaa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 12:06 PM
To: Roth-Roffy Thomas
Cc: Kevin Johnston
Subject: Technical Review of Draft marine factual reports of the
capsizing of M/V Lady D, Baltimore, MD, MArch 6, 2004

Mr. Roth-Roffy,

After reviewing the CD you forwarded to our office, and the additional files made available for download from the "you-send-it" website, of the draft report, I have the following comment.

The weather factual report accurately depicts the meteorological conditions observed by persons on board, or in the vicinity of, the Lady D around the time of the accident. It is evident that weather was a contributing factor in that gusty winds, from a near-by fast-moving thunderstorm, generated or enhanced the choppy waves along the long axis of the Inner Harbor that were present at the time the Lady D capsized.

Sincerely,
Beth McNulty
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Please note that Kevin Johnston is now the Branch Chief of the Aviation Services Branch, and no longer directly serves in a forensic function.